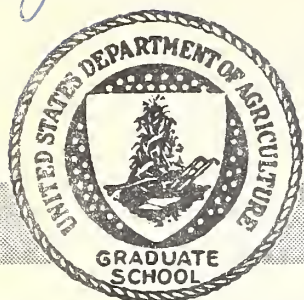


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Newsletter



GRADUATE SCHOOL ★ USDA

May 22, 1953

To the Faculty, Committee Members and
others associated with the Graduate School:

THERE WAS STANDING ROOM ONLY

in USDA's Jefferson auditorium, April 30, when Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson delivered the seventh in the series of Jump-McKillop memorial lectures on Legislative-Executive Relationships.

In paying respect to William Jump and Thomas McKillop, the Secretary noted that "we are at the same time recognizing the high level of service rendered by all the competent and loyal employees of the Department of Agriculture. The honest, conscientious endeavors of these employees is the basic strength of this Department . . . of tremendous importance not only to our own Nation but to freedom-loving people everywhere in the world."

Mr. Benson's subject was "Legislative-Executive Relationships in the Administration of Programs." He pointed out that administration is shared by the two branches of government to a far greater extent than is commonly realized. There is no sharp line of distinction between their respective spheres. This places a tremendous responsibility on the individuals who hold government positions. "They are in a sense the bridges that span the unavoidable gaps in our system of government. What they do ultimately determines whether the Constitution performs the function for which it was established."

Because important policy decisions are left to the administrator, Mr. Benson said this means that he is inevitably confronted by complex problems not easy to solve. "Many of the conflicts in legislative-executive relationships arise out of personality conflicts," Mr. Benson said. "I am hopeful -- and determined -- that such conflicts will not hamper the work of the Department of Agriculture." He then went on to say, "We, who are responsible for the work of the Department, need to know the members of Congress and to counsel with them . . . to seek to develop a common understanding, mutual respect, and good will. We have the same objective -- a productive and prosperous agriculture. To achieve it we must work together every step of the way."

REGISTRATION LINES

will be forming again in the Graduate School on May 23. These will not be such long ones as those of the fall and spring semesters. GS offers fewer courses in the summer but those few are selected with care to meet special needs.

In planning the summer program the Departmental committees kept in mind the employees who are just coming into government and are likely to be helped by training in courses such as Everyday Mathematics, Practical English Usage, Descriptive English Grammar, Transportation and Shorthand.

They also planned for young Federal employees who wish to begin training in technical and professional fields. This group will be interested in courses such as Review of Calculus, Introduction to Economics, and Introduction to Public Administration.

In calling your attention to this range of offerings, I hope you will pass the word to your students or fellow workers who may find the courses of interest.

I would also remind you that as a faculty or GS committee member you may enroll for any course at the cost of only the registration fee -- \$5.00. One course which will appeal to those of you who like to keep abreast of what is going on, is Current World Problems. It is taught by Joseph Sulkowski, associate professor of economics at Catholic University. He tells us that among the topics to be covered are causes of tension between the free and the communist world, postwar disintegration of international trade, and the American aid problems.

Those of you who have artistic interests will find the non-credit courses in Photography, Pencil Sketching, and Water-Color Painting quite helpful in turning those interests into accomplishments.

THIS IS JUST TO REMIND YOU

of three remaining lectures in the series on "Operations Research". On May 26, George S. Pettee, deputy director of the Operations Research Office, The Johns Hopkins University, will speak on "Social Science Methods in Operations Research"; Seymour T. R. Abt, director of research for Giant Food Department Stores, discusses "Research in Supermarket Operations," June 9; and C. W. Thornthwaite, director of The Johns Hopkins University Laboratory of Climatology, will talk on "Operations Research in Agricultural Industry," June 23. The lectures are given in the Jefferson auditorium and are open to the public without charge.

A FORMER DIRECTOR OF GS

wrote me a nice note when he read the editorial on our work in SCIENCE for March 13. Eldon L. Johnson, who served GS during the years of World War II and is now dean of the Graduate School at the University of Oregon, wrote, "It is always a pleasure to see the USDA Graduate School receiving the attention and success which it so well deserves. I still remember my associations with the Department and particularly with GS as among the most interesting and rewarding I have experienced."

AMONG NEW COURSES

listed in the 1953-54 catalog (now in press) are:

CONTEMPORARY TRENDS IN LABOR RELATIONS. The teacher will be Francis McCarthy, chief of the office of industrial relations, Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Mr. McCarthy holds an MA from St. Louis University.

FEDERAL HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION. This will be given by two members of the Bureau of the Budget. They are Fred McNamara, assistant chief of the labor and welfare division, and Pierre Palmer, senior budget examiner. Mr. McNamara is a graduate of Harvard; Mr. Palmer of the University of Chicago.

HUMAN RELATIONS IN ADMINISTRATION. Grant Youmans, Budget and Finance, USDA, will give this course. He holds an MA in political science from the University of Chicago, a PhD from Michigan University.

MAPS AND CHARTS. This course is designed for librarians and others who work with maps. Teacher will be Mrs. Catherine Bahn of the Department of Defense. Mrs. Bahn holds an MA from Columbia University.

PHYSICAL METEOROLOGY. Sigmund Fritz of the Weather Bureau, who gives this course, is completing work on his doctorate at M. I. T.

PHYSICS FOR METEOROLOGY. This will be given by James E. Caskey Jr., chief of the editorial section at the Weather Bureau. He holds an MA from Duke University.

GENERAL CLIMATOLOGY. Harry Hawkins, a forecaster at the Weather Bureau, will teach this course. Mr. Hawkins holds an MA from Temple University.

TRAVEL THIS PAST MONTH

has taken me to the Southeast in behalf of the Southern Regional Education Board. On this trip I visited the University of Virginia, South Carolina State College, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and Tuskegee Institute. I also spent several days in Atlanta, Georgia conferring with George B. Gant, executive secretary of SREB.

O. B. Conaway went to Harrisburg, Pa., May 1 and 2, for the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Political Science Association. Invited to discuss possible relations between universities and the Federal government, he suggested that university officials take the leadership in devising programs in which Federal employees can more conveniently complete their requirements for graduate work and interest themselves in the education problems of Federal employees in the area where their schools are located.

Louise Sullivan attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in Minneapolis, Minn., April 20-23. She tells us the conference was broken into workshops in which 10 or 12 people discussed problems submitted beforehand and questions that came up during the workshop. Miss Sullivan was especially interested in the workshops on IBM techniques in registration and administration records, on publications by the registrar, and on the transfer of credits.

WEATHER BUREAU SCIENTISTS

have teamed with GS to expand the training offered in meteorology. Beginning with the fall semester, GS will offer courses leading to certificates of accomplishment in this field. Requirements for the first or elementary certificate are 19 hours of work in Synoptic Meteorology, Physical Meteorology, Introduction to Dynamic Meteorology, Weather Analysis and Forecasting. The second or advanced certificate will be granted on the completion of an additional 17 hours of work. The prescribed courses are General Climatology and Advanced Weather Analysis and Forecasting. An additional 8 credits may be selected from other courses in the field.

The program was organized by a sub-committee of the Departmental Committee on Physical Sciences. Harry Wexler, chief of the scientific services division of the Weather Bureau, was the chairman.

AMONG OURSELVES

Four members of the second semester class in Elementary Portuguese taught by Jacob Ornstein are officers in the recently formed Portuguese Cultural and Social Club of Washington, D. C. They are Harry O'Shea, president; Arnold Huberman, vice-president; Shirley Kline, secretary; and Juanita Evora, treasurer. The first meeting of the club in April featured a talk on the cultural aspects of Brazil by I. Zamotti of the legal division of the Pan American Union and films on Sao Paulo and Belo Horizonte, two interesting cities in Brazil.

Sincerely,



Director

